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SUBJECT: BRUSSELS CONVENTION ON LIABILITY OF OPERATORS OF NUCLEAR  
SHIPS

REF THE HAGUE 5476

1. BELGIAN FONMIN HAS SENT FOLLOWING NOTE DATED NOV 4 TO EMBASSY,  
WITH REQUEST THAT IT BE TRANSMITTED TO COMPETENT USG AUTHORITIES.  
(EMBASSY INFORMAL TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH OF SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS  
ONLY.) BEGIN TEXT: THE MINISTRY ENCLOSURES THE TEXT OF A PROPOSED  
NOTIFICATION BY BELGIUM (DEPOSITORY STATE) TO THE SIGNATORY STATES  
TO THE BRUSSELS CONVENTION OF 1962 ON THE LIABILITY OF OPERATORS OF  
NUCLEAR SHIPS, OF THE DEPOSIT OF THE INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION  
OF SAID CONVENTION BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. THIS  
PROPOSED TEXT IS ADDRESSED SIMULTANEOUSLY TO THE EMBASSIES OF  
GREAT BRITAIN, THE NETHERLANDS, AND THE FRG IN BRUSSELS, IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH CONCLUSIONS DRAWN FROM THE MEETING AT BONN OF  
OCTOBER 31, 1975, AMONG REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.S., U.K.,  
NETHERLANDS, FRG AND BELGIUM. END TEXT.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF ANNEX: CONVENTION ON THE LIABILITY OF OPERATORS  
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OF NUCLEAR SHIPS AND ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL COMPLETED AT BRUSSELS,

25 MAY 1962. RATIFICATION BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

1. ON (DATE), THE INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION OF THE FRG CONCERNING THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DOCUMENTS WAS DEPOSITED WITH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FOREIGN TRADE, AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION OF BELGIUM. THIS INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION WAS ACCCOMPANIED BY THE FOLLOWING RESERVATION: "SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATION THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CONVENTION WILL NOT APPLY WITH REGARD TO NUCLEAR SHIPS WHICH ARE WARSHIPS AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN ARTICLE I PARAGRAPH 11," (NOTE BY EMBASSY: ORIGINAL TEXT OF RESERVATION IS IN ENGLISH.) AND OF A COMMENT, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED. (NOTE BY EMBASSY: NO SUCH COMMENT IS ATTACHED TO THE DRAFT.)

2. THE FRG IS THE FIRST "STATE AFFECTED BY THE PROVISIONS" ("ETAT DONT EMANE LA LICENCE") THAT HAS DEPOSITED ITS INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION. ARTICLE XXIV,1 OF THE CONVENTION CONTEMPLATES THAT IT ENTER INTO FORCE THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF DEPOSIT OF THE INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION OF TWO STATES, AT LEAST ONE OF WHICH IS AFFECTED BY THE PROVISIONS.

3. AT THE PRESENT TIME THE LIST OF RATIFICATIONS AND OF ADHERENCES IS AS FOLLOWS: MALAGASY REPUBLIC--ADHERENCE 13 JULY 1965; ZAIRE--ADHERENCE 17 JULY 1967; PORTUGAL--RATIFICATION 31 JULY 1968; NETHERLANDS (FOR THE KINGDOM IN EUROPE, SURINAM, AND NETHERLANDS ANTILLES)--RATIFICATION 20 MARCH 1974; SYRIAN ARAB REP.--ADHERENCE 1 AUGUST 1974; LEBANON--RAFTIFICATION 3 JUNE 1975; FRG--RATIFICATION (DATE TO BE FILLED IN). END TEXT.

3. EMBASSY POUCHING COPIES OF NOTE AND ANNEX TO DEPARTMENT AND INFO ADDRESSEES. FIRESTONE

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